

## General

### Title

Ambulatory surgery: percentage of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC.

### Source(s)

ASC Quality Collaboration. ASC quality measures: implementation guide. Version 3.2. Saint Petersburg (FL): ASC Quality Collaboration; 2015 Oct. 37 p.

## Measure Domain

### Primary Measure Domain

Clinical Quality Measures: Outcome

### Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### Description

This measure is used to assess the percentage of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC.

### Rationale

"Falls per 100,000 patient days" has been endorsed as a serious reportable event by the National Quality Forum (NQF, 2007). While Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) have a relatively low incidence of adverse events in general, information regarding the incidence of patient falls is not currently available. However, stakeholders have expressed a general interest in the public reporting of such adverse events. Due to the use of anxiolytics, sedatives, and anesthetic agents as adjuncts to procedures, patients undergoing outpatient surgery are at increased risk for falls.

#### Clinical Practice Guidelines

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's *Prevention of Falls in Acute Care* guideline

(2007), patient falls may be reduced by following a four-step approach: 1) evaluating and identifying risk factors for falls in the older patient; 2) developing an appropriate plan of care for prevention; 3) performing a comprehensive evaluation of falls that occur; and 4) performing a post-fall revision of plan of care as appropriate.

## Evidence for Rationale

ASC Quality Collaboration. ASC quality measures: implementation guide. Version 3.2. Saint Petersburg (FL): ASC Quality Collaboration; 2015 Oct. 37 p.

National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC). Guideline summary: preventing falls in acute care. In: National Guideline Clearinghouse [Web site]. Rockville (MD): Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) [accessed 2007 Feb 08].

National Quality Forum (NQF). Serious reportable events in healthcare - 2006 update: a consensus report. Washington (DC): National Quality Forum (NQF); 2007 Mar. 60 p.

## Primary Health Components

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); falls

## Denominator Description

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

## Numerator Description

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

## Evidence Supporting the Measure

### Type of Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality for the Measure

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical research evidence

A formal consensus procedure, involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, public health and organizational sciences

### Additional Information Supporting Need for the Measure

Unspecified

## Extent of Measure Testing

The measures included in this implementation guide have been developed using a multi-step process. Each has been vetted with both an internal panel of technical experts and an external panel of individuals and/or organizations with relevant expertise. All of the measures have been pilot tested in Ambulatory

Surgery Centers (ASCs) and assessed for validity, feasibility and reliability.

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## State of Use of the Measure

### State of Use

Current routine use

### Current Use

not defined yet

## Application of the Measure in its Current Use

### Measurement Setting

Ambulatory Procedure/Imaging Center

### Professionals Involved in Delivery of Health Services

not defined yet

### Least Aggregated Level of Services Delivery Addressed

Single Health Care Delivery or Public Health Organizations

### Statement of Acceptable Minimum Sample Size

Does not apply to this measure

### Target Population Age

All ages

### Target Population Gender

Either male or female

## National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health

# Care

## National Quality Strategy Aim

Better Care

## National Quality Strategy Priority

Making Care Safer

Prevention and Treatment of Leading Causes of Mortality

## Institute of Medicine (IOM) National Health Care Quality Report Categories

### IOM Care Need

Getting Better

### IOM Domain

Effectiveness

Safety

## Data Collection for the Measure

### Case Finding Period

Unspecified

### Denominator Sampling Frame

Patients associated with provider

### Denominator (Index) Event or Characteristic

Encounter

### Denominator Time Window

not defined yet

### Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions\*

\**Admission*: Completion of registration upon entry into the facility.

Exclusions

None

## Exclusions/Exceptions

not defined yet

## Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall\* within the confines of the ASC

\**Fall*: A sudden, uncontrolled, unintentional, downward displacement of the body to the ground or other object, excluding falls resulting from violent blows or other purposeful actions. (National Center for Patient Safety)

Exclusions

ASC admissions experiencing a fall outside the ASC

## Numerator Search Strategy

Encounter

## Data Source

Paper medical record

Other

## Type of Health State

Adverse Health State

## Instruments Used and/or Associated with the Measure

Sample Data Collection Sheet: Patient Fall in the ASC

## Computation of the Measure

## Measure Specifies Disaggregation

Does not apply to this measure

## Scoring

Rate/Proportion

## Interpretation of Score

Desired value is a lower score

## Allowance for Patient or Population Factors

not defined yet

## Standard of Comparison

not defined yet

# Identifying Information

## Original Title

Patient fall in the ASC.

## Measure Collection Name

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Measures

## Submitter

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaboration - Health Care Quality Collaboration

## Developer

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaboration - Health Care Quality Collaboration

## Funding Source(s)

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) providers; nursing, physician, and provider associations

## Composition of the Group that Developed the Measure

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) providers; nursing, physician, and provider associations; provider accrediting organizations

## Financial Disclosures/Other Potential Conflicts of Interest

None

## Endorser

National Quality Forum - None

## NQF Number

not defined yet

## Date of Endorsement

2014 Sep 18

## Measure Initiative(s)

Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Reporting Program

## Adaptation

This measure was not adapted from another source.

## Date of Most Current Version in NQMC

2015 Oct

## Measure Maintenance

Unspecified

## Date of Next Anticipated Revision

Unspecified

## Measure Status

This is the current release of the measure.

This measure updates a previous version: ASC Quality Collaboration. ASC quality measures: implementation guide. Version 2.0. Ambulatory Surgery Center; 2014 Jan. 32 p.

## Measure Availability

Source available from the [Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Quality Collaboration Web site](#)

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